

DUBUQUE COUNTY LIBRARY

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January 17th, 1951.

Miss Elizabeth B. Hage, Librarian,  
Scott County Library,  
Eldridge, Iowa.

Dear Miss Hage:

Thank you for the 1950 Scott County Library report and the budget for 1950 also for 1951. For the little time that the library has been operating you have made fine progress.

I have a question-- would you break down the salaries into the personnel as librarian, bookmobile driver etc. too has the board set a scale for increases?

As yet we have been operating under the old procedure but promptly we hope to have our new board.

If you have any suggestions we would be happy to hear about them. I notice that you have 2 bookmobiles for this year in the budget will both operate or what? Will you have two drivers -- will that increase the staff how much?

Best wishes and thank you,

*Catherine M. Seitz*  
Catherine M. Seitz, County Librarian.

# State Traveling Library

HISTORICAL BUILDING

Des Moines 19, Iowa

BLANCHE A. SMITH  
LIBRARIAN

January 5  
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Miss Elizabeth B. Hage, Librarian  
Scott County Library  
Eldridge, Iowa

Dear Miss Hage:

Catherine M. Seitz has asked for a  
copy of your budget. Will you be good  
enough to send it to her?

Address her at Dubuque County  
Library, Dubuque, Iowa.

Sincerely yours,



Blanche A. Smith, Librarian  
State Traveling Library

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Eldridge, Iowa  
January 17, 1951

Miss Blanche A. Smith, Librarian  
State Traveling Library  
Historical Building  
Des Moines 19, Iowa

Dear Miss Smith:

Enclosed is a copy of our annual report for 1950. We operate on a calendar year as do all the county offices. I thought you might be interested in reading it.

Do I understand correctly that when the annual report blanks come out from your office you want that report to cover the fiscal year coinciding with your report, or are we to use our own year?

I have sent a copy of this same report to Catherine Sietz along with our budget for 1951.

Yours very truly,

Elizabeth B. Hage, Librarian  
SCOTT COUNTY LIBRARY



Eldridge, Iowa  
January 18, 1951

Miss Catherine M. Seitz, Librarian  
Dubuque County Library  
Court House  
Dubuque, Iowa

Dear Miss Seitz:

As yet we have not worked out any salary schedule. That is one of the items I am working on now; gathering information from other libraries about their schedules, and consulting with ALA Personnel office - that I intend to do at Midwinter meeting week after next. At present we are paying our driver \$3000 a year. However, that is for a man with experience - he had done a similar job for 2 years on a demonstration in Illinois before coming to us. And he's worth his weight in gold - not just as a driver-clerk for the bookmobile; he's a very handy man with a hammer and saw and a paint brush. I have the brainstorms, and he carries them out. Our typist we are paying \$1800 a year; she, too, of course, does much more than merely typing. We have one other untrained person. She does have her college degree, however. Her salary at present \$2400. The typist has high school and commercial college and a year's experience in an office. The college graduate has had 3 years teaching experience and 2 years experience ~~in~~ with an advertising firm as a copy-writer. My salary is \$4000. We are still hoping to hire another trained librarian - we need one desperately. That's another item I'm going to work on again at Midwinter.

We have one bookmobile - one we inherited from the demonstration put on in the county by Mrs. Spies. We hope to be able to replace it with a modern bookmobile during this next year. In October we bought a Chev. carry-all with which we haul books to the schools and to the stations. The same driver operates both. We run them on alternate weeks. We do not use the bookmobile for school stops. We started out that way because we simply didn't have enough books to do it, and there are so many schools in the county that we couldn't possibly get around to them inside of a month's time even driving steadily all week long; and we wouldn't be able to do that and work in station stops, too.

We'd be very happy to have you and any board members who could come pay us a visit and see our set-up. It's so much easier to ask and answer questions right on the spot, I think; however, if you can't do that, I shall be happy to do my best to answer any questions you may have.

Sincerely,

Elizabeth B. Hage, Librarian  
SCOTT COUNTY LIBRARY